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25X1 6. [ ] Met with Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and received from her a copy of an excerpt of a letter to the Committee Chairman outlining the unnamed Senator's area of interest in Agency and U. S. Government activities in Laos for coverage by the DCI in his briefing of Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is tentatively scheduled for 11 March 1971.

25X1 7. [ ] Met with Mr. John Martini, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and invited him to come out to Headquarters on Monday, 5 April for briefing on Agency personnel matters and luncheon. Mr. Martini noted that there are several matters coming before the Committee during the coming year of interest to the Agency and it is his belief that a meeting at this time is most appropriate. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 8. [ ] At the request of Mr. Robert Nicholas, House Appropriations Committee staff, I met with Mr. George Allen, a new member of Representative Robert Sikes' (D., Fla.) personal staff, who is busily engaged in drafting questions for the Chairman's use in the various Committee briefings scheduled for the House Appropriations Committee over the coming weeks. Mr. Allen had intimated to Mr. Nicholas that he had several questions for Mr. Sikes' use during the Director's briefing. After reviewing several pages of questions prepared so far, I believe I was able to dissuade him from forwarding any of them for Mr. Sikes' use during the Director's briefing. The basic thrust of the questions relate to the failure of the Son Tay mission, the preparations for that mission and similar missions, and changes in DIA and Military Department procedures in coordinating information and intelligence activities within the Department of Defense. In a word, I advised Mr. Sikes that the Son Tay mission was planned and directed by the military.

25X1 9. [ ] Late in the day I received a call from Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that Mr. Donald Richbourg, of the Committee staff, would also be attending the Director's briefing tomorrow and Wednesday. Mr. Preston told me that Mr. Richbourg holds a current Top Secret clearance. Office of Security has been advised.

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